

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH

OF THE

BOROUGH OF FOWEY

1943



This Report, as in 1942, is of an interim nature, as laid down by Ministry of Health instructions, and made as brief as possible for economy reasons. It is again being typewritten instead of printed.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	2,979
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population ..	1,913
Number of inhabited houses.....	637
Rateable Value (March 1943).....	£16,711
Sum represented by a penny Rate	£66-11-11.

Social conditions have not altered materially during the year. Evacuee population has diminished almost to vanishing point, but, on the other hand, non-civilian population has been considerably augmented.

Figures for China clay export have increased slightly, as compared with 1942, but the same root causes of depression still remain.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births (legitimate)	13 males ; 16 females.
" " (Illegitimate)	1 female.
Total live births	30
Live Birth - Rate per 1,000 of Resident Population	15.68.
Annual " " for England & Wales	16.5.
Annual " " for 148 'smaller towns'	19.4.
Still Births	1 female (legitimate)
Total number of deaths (all causes)	23.
	(11 Male; 12 Female)
Death -Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	12.02.
Annual Death Rate (all causes) for England & Wales	12.1
" " " " for 148 'smaller towns'	12.7

Deaths from Puerperal causes None
 Deaths from Infants under 1 year of age None
 Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 1 Male

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS DURING 1943.

1 Male from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
 1 Male from Influenza.
 1 Male from Cancer of Stomach.
 2 Females from Diabetes.
 1 Male & 1 Female from Intracranial Vascular lesions.
 5 Females from Heart Disease.
 2 Females from 'Other Diseases of Circulatory System'.
 2 Males & 1 Female from Bronchitis.
 1 Female from Pneumonia.
 1 Female from 'Other Respiratory Diseases'.
 3 Males & 1 Female from 'Other causes'.

DISEASES NOTIFIED.

3 cases of Scarlet fever.
 1 case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
 8 cases of Measles.
 2 cases of Whooping-cough.
 1 case of Puerperal Pyrexia.

There was no actual epidemic of Infectious Disease, but cases occurred, as specified above, during the year.

METEOROLOGICAL DATA.

	<u>Rainfall.</u>	<u>(Average.)</u>	<u>Sunshine.</u>	<u>(Average).</u>
January	4.97"	3.31	33.5 hrs	59.5
February	1.58	2.83	92.7	72.8
March	0.87	2.49	132	126
April	0.50	2.27	200.5	158.7
May	4.13	2.60	213.9	189.2.
June	1.73	2.01	192.3	219.6
July	3.01	2.74	156.8	190.2.
August	3.35	2.86	---	---
September	4.08	2.35	135.4	150.7

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Meteorological Data cont.

	<u>RAINFALL</u>	<u>(AVERAGE)</u>	<u>SUNSHINE</u>	<u>(AVERAGE)</u>
October	3.35	3.65	112.9	100.4
November	3.01	4.49	80.9.	67.3.
December	2.75	3.92	66.3.	48

The total rainfall for 1943 was deficient by 2.64". It was below the average in January, February, March, April, June, October, November, and December, being markedly so in March & April. The months in which the precipitation was above the average were May, July, August and September. The wettest months were May and September, April was the driest month, only 0.50" having been recorded,

WATER.

Throughout the year samples from various parts of the system have been sent to Truro for analysis. These were reported as being satisfactory, with the exception of one, which showed slight signs of contamination with Micro-organisms, but it was not regarded as dangerous unless further deterioration occurred. It was therefore kept under observation at intervals.

There was also another spring, which it had been hoped might be incorporated in the borough supply, but a series of analyses having given unfavourable reports, it was impossible to carry out the plan of utilisation.

Owing to heavy extra demands, for Service reasons, on the Borough's water supply, it became necessary to augment the existing sources in order to ease the situation, as even in normal times, a prolonged spell of drought was likely to cause no little anxiety. Accordingly, three additional schemes were set on foot whereby the supply would be augmented and, by the middle of 1944, it was hoped that all possible requirements would be met without difficulty.

A chlorinating plant has now been installed whereby fully 75% of the Borough's water supply will be subject in future to chlorination.

ANTI- DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

This procedure has been carried out as in previous years. In all, 35 inoculations were done, 25 of these being children under 5 years of age, and 10 between 5 and 15. Of the 381 children in the Borough it is estimated that 92% of the under 5 group have been protected up to the end of 1943 and 68% of the children between 5 and 15.

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